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SUBJECT: FY 77 PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT: VISIT OF FOOD COMMISSIONER
FOR RICE TENDER

REF: COLOMBO 4408

1. FOOD COMMISSIONER, M. BRIAN SENANAYAKE, WILL ARRIVE
WASHINGTON AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 13 FOR VISIT OF
APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. SRI LANKA EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS
MAKING HOTEL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

2. THIS IS SENANAYAKE'S FIRST TRIP TO US. ONLY PURPOSE
OF HIS VISIT IS TO COMPLY WITH USG REQUIREMENT THAT RICE
TENDERS BE HANDLED IN US. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ALL
ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT AND USDA CAN PROVIDE.

3. SENANAYAKE IS BRIGHT, PERSONABLE, CAREER CIVIL
SERVANT. AS FOOD COMMISSIONER HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF
SRI LANKA'S RICE AND WHEAT FLOUR IMPORTS, BOTH CONCESSIONAL
AND COMMERCIAL. HE HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN HIS DEALINGS
WITH EMBASSY AND IS VERY FRIENDLY TOWARD AMERICANS.
HIS ENGLISH IS PERFECT.
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